

the Ballard House
125 North Huron Street, Ipsilanti
Washtenaw County, Michigan

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Owner: Dr. and Mrs. James R. Breakey.

Date of Erection: 1832; second wing built 1842.

Architect and Builder: James Forsyth.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: Two, and basement.

Materials of Construction: Wood.

Other Existing Records: See text.

Additional Data: See following pages.

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WASHTENAW COUNTY - MICHIGAN.

Information from Mrs. James R. Breekey from Family Records.

The Ballard House was built by Judge Mercus Lene in 1832. Before completion, it was acquired by Arden H. Bellerd, and has ever since been known as the Bellerd House. It was built by James Forsyth from his own drawings. The house was owned successively by Iseac Newton Conklin; Mrs. Helen Swift; Dr. James Heustis. The present owners are Dr. and Mrs. James R. Breekey, who also own the Breekey House at 1885 Packard Road, near Ypsilanti, - another very fine example of the Greek Revival Period.

The original wing is 32' x about 50'; second wing was built in 1842, and the third wing by present owners in 1925. Original wing, two story, with attic and basement of brick painted white; four column portico under pediment, facing East. Two large brick chimneys. Entrance has two smaller columns flanking door. Typical interior trim pine painted white. Stairway balustrade of solid walnut, the starting newel being surmounted by a spiral center with a deep inlay of mother of pearl on top.

Frank Eurich, Jr.

H.A.B.S. - Member.

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